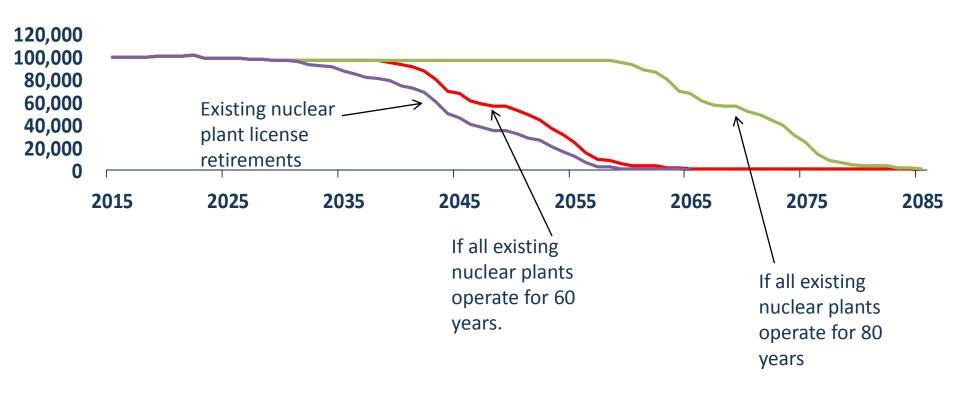
# Creating a Future for Nuclear Power in the United States

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### **Projected U.S. Nuclear Power Capacity**

(Megawatts)





#### **NEI Strategic Priorities**

- Ensure continued operation of existing nuclear plants
  - second license renewal
- Continue deployment of new light water reactors (LWRs)
- Develop and deploy small modular reactors (SMRs) and advanced non-light water reactors
- Robust U.S. and global nuclear supply chain
- Responsible environmental management of legacy assets and materials
  - sustainable used fuel management program
  - cost-effective decommissioning of retired plants



THE U.S. NUCLEAR ENERGY INDUSTRY'S Strategic Planfor Small Modular Reactor Development and Deployment

March 2016

THE U.S. NUCLEAR ENERGY INDUSTRY'S Strategic Plan for

Advanced Non-Light Water Reactor Development and Commercialization

May 2016

#### **Providing technology options**

Reducing time-to-market







## NEI Strategic Plan for Advanced Non-Light Water Reactors: Long-Term Vision

America's nuclear power plants are operating at worldclass levels of safety and reliability and by the 2030s are supplying an increasing amount of carbon-free energy for electricity and industrial uses. American industry maintains a leadership role in the development, demonstration and operation of both light-water and non-light water nuclear technologies for energy production and U.S. reactor designs are recognized as the most innovative available.



### NEI Strategic Plan for Advanced Non-Light Water Reactors: Strategic Goals

- 1. Two or more advanced non-light water reactor designs are commercially available (ready to build) in the U.S. in the 2030-2035 timeframe.
- 2. Demonstrations of one or more advanced non-light water reactors occur in the U.S. by 2025.
- 3. A licensing framework exists to facilitate the efficient and predictable deployment of advanced technologies, provides continued international credibility to U.S. designs, and encourages continued private-sector investment.



### **Advanced Reactor Designs**

- Will they be able to operate for 40, 60, 80 years?
- Will they have a capacity factor comparable to existing LWRs?
- Can the construction be simplified and the cost reduced?
- Can the licensing process be simplified?



### NEI Strategic Plan for Advanced Non-Light Water Reactors: Building Blocks

- 1. Communicating and advocating the potential strategic benefits and the need for successful development.
- 2. Ensuring an efficient and predictable regulatory framework.
- Defining generic research, design and operational requirements.
- 4. Broadening federal and state government support.
- 5. Financing design, development and deployment.
- 6. Developing an appropriate fuel cycle.
- 7. Demonstrating that advanced non-light water reactor technologies are commercially viable.



### **NEI Advanced Reactor Working Group**

- Three task forces: Regulatory, Technology, and Legislative
- Nuclear Innovation Alliance report was solid foundation of ideas for regulatory modernization reform effort
- EPRI and NEI supporting upcoming GAIN technology focused workshops
- Interacting with Congress on legislative efforts



### **Existing Regulatory Framework**

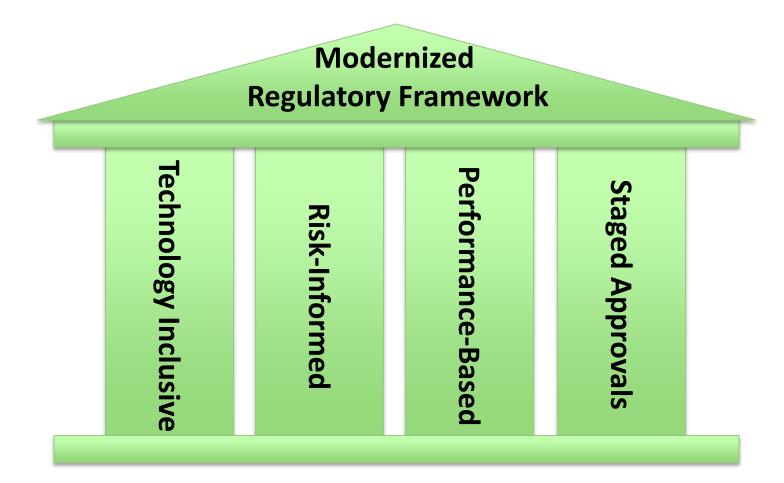
- Advanced reactors have operated in the United States
- Past licensing experience (decades-old) notindicative of future experience
- Current light-water reactor centric regulatory framework not efficient for non-light water reactors



### **Regulatory Focus**

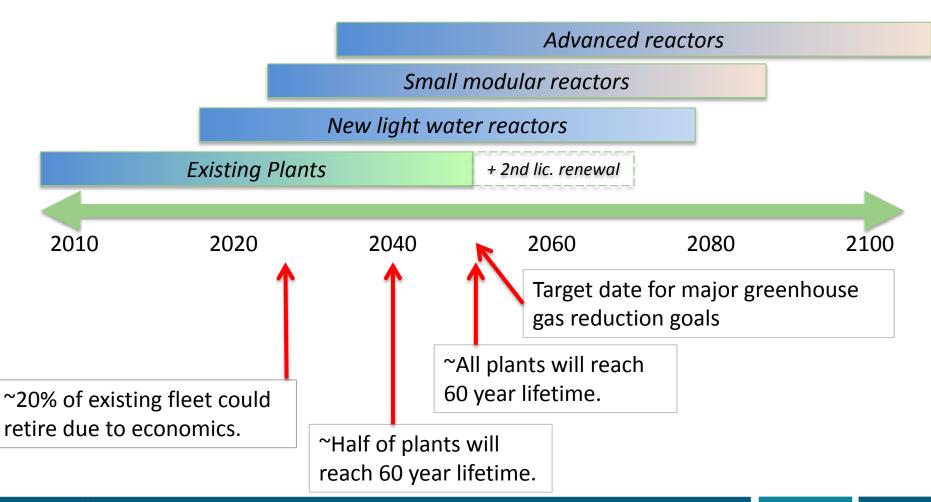
- Resolution of regulatory policy issues for non-LWR advanced reactors
- Establishing a staged regulatory approach conducive to advanced reactor development
- Establishing a technology-inclusive regulatory structure for advanced reactors that is riskinformed and performance-based
- Clarifying and readying the licensing process for potential non-commercial advanced reactor demonstration projects







#### **Time is Critical**





### Questions?

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